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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN

SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPE IN THE MTN

REF: A) STATE 299279 NOTAL, B) STATE 297351 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY. INFORMAL MEETING OF SELECTED DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON EASTERN EUROPE IN THE MTN CANNOT BE ARRANGED UNTIL MID-JANUARY. SWISS ARE BACK-PEDDLING FROM EARLIER INTEREST IN TAKING LEAD ON SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. UPON RECEIPT REF A, WE CONTACTED SWISS REP (JAGMETTI), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFERRED GENERALLY TO CONTENTS OF REFS A AND B, AND SAID WE ARE NOW READY TO PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL MEETING OF DCS ON THIS SUBJECT AS SWISS HAD PROPOSED ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS IN PAST SIX MONTHS. WE ADVISED JAGMETTI THAT THE FACT OF EC HAVING REQUESTED DISCRIMINATORY QUOTAS FROM EE UNDER MTN REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES LENT SOME URGENCY TO TRYING TO SORT OUT DC POSITIONS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE CON-

FLICTS. AFTER CHECKING WITH BERN, JAGMETTI RESPONDED ON DECEMBER 20 THAT SWITZERLAND CONTINUES TO FEEL THE ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED "ONE DAY OR ANOTHER" BUT SWITZERLAND NEEDS TO DO MORE HOMEWORK BEFORE IT WOULD GAU FDNRFK HE CAUTIONED THAT ANY SWISS INITIATIVE TO CONVENE SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE DELICATE AND SWISS THEREFORE PREFERRED TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING ON SHORT NOTICE WHEN THE PROPER PEOPLE "HAPPEN" TO BE IN GENEVA FOR OTHER MTN OR GATT BUSINESS.

3. WE CHECKED THIS POSITION LATER SAME DAY WITH AMBASSADOR DUNKEL AT SOCIAL OCCASION AND FOUND HIM STILL WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO EXTENT OF, FOR EXAMPLE, SETTING UP A LUNCHEON MEETING, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED SWISS GOVERNMENT EE SPECIALISTS WERE INSISTING SWITZERLAND CANNOT ASSUME ROLE OF SUBSTANTIVE LEADERSHIP IN TRYING TO WORK OUT A COMMON DC POSITION. DUNKEL ALSO NOTED HOLIDAY ABSENCES MADE ANY INITIATIVE IMPRACTICAL BEFORE WEEK OF JANUARY 9.

4. MTN DEL WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER IN JANUARY. ONLY EVENT WE CURRENTLY EXPECT MAY BRING EC EXPERT KAWAN TO GENEVA SOON IS APPROVAL OF GATT WP REPORT ON HUNGARY WHICH MAY BE SCHEDULED AROUND JANUARY 18. IN ADVANCE OF ANY MEETING, WE WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT SELECTED OTHER DELEGATIONS WITH OUR VIEWS ON BILATERAL BASIS.

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